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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :

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EXAMINER: KOPPIKAR, V. D.

SERIAL NO: 09/926,362 :

FILED: JANUARY 16, 2002 :

GROUP ART UNIT: 1775

FOR: ALUMINUM NITRIDE SINTERED
BODY, CERAMIC SUBSTRATE,
CERAMIC HEATER AND
ELECTROSTATIC CHUCK

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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Responsive to the Office Action dated October 21, 2002, Applicants respectfully
request reconsideration in light of the following amendment and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

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Please add the following claims.

--17. (New) A ceramic heater comprising a sintered ceramic substrate having a
heating element inside thereof or on the surface thereof,
wherein said sintered ceramic substrate has been sintered such that a sectional view of
fracture thereof exhibits intragranular fracture.

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18. (New) The ceramic heater according to Claim 17,

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